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Sir:

This Amendment and Remarks is in response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2005. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.132, a Declaration Of Sanjay Gopinath is attached.

## **AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION**

Please delete and replace a paragraph, as follows.

Please delete the paragraph in the specification at page 3, lines 1—18:

## Deleted paragraph:

Pretreating a substrate surface with iodine has been reported to increase the growth rate of copper deposited by a MOCVD technique using Cu(hfac)TMVS precursor. United States Patent No. 6,413,864 issued July 2, 2002 to Pyo et al., discloses forming a chemical enhancement layer (CE layer) on a nitride barrier layer surface (e.g.,TiN, TaN, WN) with an iodine-containing liquid compound prior to forming a copper seed layer by MOCVD, and then electroplating a second copper layer onto the seed layer. United States Patent No.

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